

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 20, 2004. Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 6, 7, 15-17, 21, and 22 are in independent form. Allowable Claims 9 and 19 have been canceled and their recitations incorporated into their base Claims 7 and 17, respectively. Claims 7, 15-17, 21, and 22 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, and Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12, 18, and 20 have been amended as to matters of form and grammar. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action states that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title has been amended to read as follows:

--PRINT SERVER, METHOD, AND SYSTEM CAPABLE OF
HANDLING DIFFERENT KINDS OF DATA--.

Applicant respectfully submits that the title, as amended, is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-6, and the indication that Claims 9, 10, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. As mentioned above, the features of Claims 9 and 19 have been incorporated into Claims 7 and 17, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 7 and 17 are in condition for allowance. Claims 15 and 16, which are method and storage medium claims corresponding to system Claim 7, and Claims 21 and 22, which are method and storage medium claims corresponding to system Claim 17, have been amended similarly, and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 was objected to because of an informality noted at page 2 of the Office Action. Cancellation of Claim 9 renders the objection moot.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant, however, will be submitting additional claims in the near future. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact Applicant's representative in the event he does not receive a Supplemental Amendment before acting on this Amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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